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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: U.S. VOTE ON IBRD LOAN TO
PHILIPPINES

1. ON MAY 12, A 15 MILLION DOLLAR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOAN WILL COME UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORLD BANK
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES
SHOULD USE ITS VOICE AND VOTE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
LENDING INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND IN
VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES,
AN INTERAGENCY MEETING, CHAIRED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY
CHRISTOPHER, MET ON MAY 6 TO DETERMINE WHAT POSITION
THE U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD TAKE AT THE MAY 12
MEETING WITH REGARD TO THIS AND OTHER LOANS COMING UP
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AT THAT TIME.

2. THE INTERAGENCY GROUP DECIDED AT THE MAY 6 MEETING
THAT THE U.S. SHOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOAN, SINCE IT IS A LOAN DIRECTED TO THE NEEDY AND
SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS SHOWN

SHOWN RECENT SIGNS OF CONCERN OVER THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THAT COUNTRY. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR EMBASSY MAKE CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE NEXT APPROPRIATE OCCASION, THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS TAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT IN EXAMINING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION LOAN PROPOSALS.

3. THE EMBASSY IS, ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED TO SO NOTIFY THE GOP. THE TIMING AND LEVEL OF THIS APPROACH IS LEFT TO THE EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, ALTHOUGH FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT, IF POSSIBLE, IT BE DONE PRIOR TO THE MAY 12 IBRD MEETING. PLEASE REPORT ON YOUR ASSESSMENT OF REACTION AND LIKELY IMPACT OF THIS REPRESENTATION. FYI: CONGRESSMAN FRASER IS BEING INFORMED OF THIS DECISION BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

CHRISTOPHER

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